

**8943. Misbranding of Chase's Nerve Pills. U. S. * * * v. 10 Packages
* * * of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. Default decree of con-
demnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 13399. I. S. No.
3843-t. S. No. C-2298.)**

On August 18, 1920, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 10 packages of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y., on or about June 15, 1920, and transported from the State of New York into the State of Missouri, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Box) "Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. Used in the Treatment of * * * Nervous Prostration * * * Nervous Headache Nervous Dyspepsia * * * Irregular Heart Action Dizziness & Fainting Sleeplessness;" (circular) "Nerve pills impart new life and strength to every organ of the body, create new brain and nerve tissue, and make it next to impossible for the following diseases and symptoms of diseases to set in: Nervous prostration, exhaustion, depression * * * sleeplessness * * * asthma, lack of energy, ambition and nerve * * * paralysis, and locomotor ataxia * * *, diseased blood * * * female troubles, leucorrhea (whites). painful, profuse or suppressed menstruation, tardy development of girls, sexual debility, loss of vital forces, premature decay, heart affections, neuralgia, rheumatism, la grippe, and all disease of the brain and nerves * * * On account of their extraordinary restorative influence and * * * action on the system * * * Nerve Pills are especially suited to the needs of children * * * weak and puny boys and girls become strong, healthy and robust * * * nourish the blood * * * nerves * * * nourish the weakened and exhausted nervous system back to health and strength * * * through the nerve fibres * * * send new vitality through the whole human system * * * nerves * * * must be completely restored by such nourishment as can best be supplied by * * * Nerve Pills, the great restorative * * * loss of sensation in the hands, partial loss of memory * * * dizziness and uncertainty in walking * * * should be treated * * * while there is hope of complete recovery * * * Nerve pills * * * restore the wasted nerve force * * * by strengthening the nerves give them full control of the female organs * * * no preparation known * * * will more quickly create new, rich blood than * * * Nerve Pills * * * contain the life-giving principles that entitle the blood to be called the 'vital fluid' * * * make pale weak men and women strong and healthy * * * give to the thin and emaciated a well rounded form which tells of a steady advance in health."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the contents of the pills consisted essentially of aloes, ferrous carbonate, manganese, arsenic, and strychnine.

It was alleged in substance in the libel that the article was misbranded for the reason that the above-quoted statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, were false and fraudulent.

On September 23, 1920, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the same be destroyed by the United States marshal.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*